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To: Interested Parties

IDAHO CLEANUP PROJECT (ICP) CORE – PRE-SOLICITATION NOTICE

This letter hereby requests review and comment from all interested parties of the Draft Request for Proposal (RFP) No. DE-SOL-0007097 pertaining to the ICP Core procurement and provides a summary of the salient elements of the Draft RFP. The Draft RFP is being issued for informational purposes to assist the Department of Energy (DOE) in developing a Final RFP for this procurement. The Final RFP for this procurement is currently anticipated to be issued in February 2015.

DOE IS NOT REQUESTING PROPOSALS AT THIS TIME, AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHALL NOT SUBMIT PROPOSALS IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. DOE WILL NOT EVALUATE ANY PROPOSALS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT RFP. PROPOSALS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ONLY IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL RFP, CURRENTLY ANTICIPATED TO BE ISSUED IN FEBRUARY 2015.

DOE hereby invites all interested parties to thoroughly examine the Draft RFP and the accompanying procurement website (<https://www.emcbc.doe.gov/SEB/ICPCORE/index.php>) in their entirety and to submit comments in writing to the to the following email address: ICPCORE@emcbc.doe.gov. The Draft RFP is subject to change in the development of the Final RFP as a result of the DOE's consideration of the comments received from interested parties in response to the Draft RFP. In particular, DOE is seeking feedback from interested parties on the following:

1. Does the draft RFP contain any potential restrictive barriers to competition? Do barriers exist (DOE imposed or otherwise) that would hinder your firm from participating in this acquisition?
2. What are the important discriminating factors for the Evaluation Criteria that DOE should consider in making this contractor selection?
3. Are the Section B cost and fee structure and Section L pricing instructions clear to potential offerors? If not, what is unclear and how can either section be improved?
4. With regard to the Section B fee structure, DOE is specifically interested in feedback for the Schedule Milestones, Annual Milestones, and Performance Incentives in terms

of functionality, milestone dates and acceptance criteria, weightings, and overall fee percentages.

5. Are there any specific programs/procedures that you think would be helpful to be posted to the EMCBC Acquisition website's documents library in order to assist in preparation of proposals? If so, please indicate which specific programs/procedures you are interested in seeing posted to the EMCBC Acquisition website's documents library.
6. Are the Section H workforce transition and hiring clauses clear to potential offerors? If not, what is unclear and how can these clauses be improved?
7. Are the page limitations included in Section L of the Draft RFP for the Technical and Management Proposal (Volume II) sufficient? If not, please provide input.
8. Does the Draft RFP and the procurement website contain all of the information needed to reasonably prepare a proposal for the work detailed in Section C and corresponding exhibits of the Draft RFP? If not, what additional information (e.g. technical assumptions, historical data, etc.) is needed to be able to submit a proposal?
9. Would a more extensive site tour, including entry in specific facilities, be beneficial after the release of the final solicitation in order to assist in preparation of proposals? If so, please indicate which specific facilities or areas you are interested in touring.
10. Do you have any additional suggestions?

Changes were made to the Draft RFP package hereby posted as a result of the industry feedback received during the one-on-one sessions previously held during the week of October 6th - 9th, 2014 and other industry written feedback received since the preliminary posting of sections B, C, L and M of the solicitation package were released to industry on October 1, 2014.

Interested parties will have until COB January 14, 2015, to submit comments regarding the Draft RFP. All comments shall be submitted in the Microsoft Excel format provided (Enclosure 2), separated by RFP section. Please do not make any changes to the Microsoft Excel formatting with the exception of adding rows as needed. DOE will not respond to or post on the procurement website, any verbal or written questions or comments pertaining to the Draft RFP; however, DOE will consider comments when preparing the Final RFP. Interested parties will be given the opportunity to submit questions and comments in writing for DOE response once the Final RFP is issued.

After the Final RFP is issued and proposals are received in response to the Final RFP, DOE intends to award a contract on the basis of best value to the Government.

The Idaho Treatment Group L.L.C. Contract DE-EM-0001467 (ITG DOE Contract), and CH2M/WG Idaho L.L.C. Contract DOE-AC07-05ID14516 (CWI DOE Contract) are currently performing the services listed in the Draft RFP for DOE at this time. The ICP Core procurement encompasses ongoing Advanced Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) and ICP work scopes that must continue into the future: stabilizing and dispositioning spent nuclear fuel and high-level waste; dispositioning transuranic waste; retrieving target buried waste; closing the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center (INTEC) tank farm; maintaining Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act

(CERCLA) remedial actions; and operating and maintaining the INTEC and the Radioactive Waste Management Complex (RWMC) facility infrastructure to safely accomplish as much of the remaining DOE Office of Environmental Management's (EM) cleanup mission at the Idaho Site as possible within available funding while meeting regulatory and legal requirements. The work will be performed at the Idaho National Laboratory near Idaho Falls, ID.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosures:

1. DRFP Industry Comment Template.xlsx
2. Draft RFP DE-SOL-0007097

cc electronic w/enclosure:
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